

National Weather Service



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Hazardous Weather Outlook Format Change

On Tuesday, October 1 2002, the Hazardous Weather Outlook (HWO) will undergo a format and identifier change. The new format will be consistent with the format used by other National Weather Service offices. The HWO will be issued daily at around 6 a.m. and updated as needed.

New Hazardous Weather Outlook Format

IAZ004-etc. *Zone coding - this would be 51 Iowa counties...*

HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DES MOINES IA
TIME AM/PM TIME_ZONE DAY MON DD YYYY

THIS HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK IS FOR CENTRAL IOWA

.DAY ONE... *...this includes today and tonight periods...*

Discussion in concise non-technical terms each hazard's impact in a free text format for the first and second forecast periods. This would include all weather hazards.

.SPOTTER CALL TO ACTION STATEMENT...

Instructions to spotters and emergency managers.

.DAY TWO THROUGH SEVEN...

Discussion in concise non-technical terms each hazard's impact in a free text format for days two through seven. This section is a "heads up" for planning purposes.

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The HWO product identifier will also change on October 1, 2002. Customers who wish to receive the HWO should add the communications identifier below to the appropriate databases.

NEW WMO HEADER for the HAZARDOUS WEATHER OUTLOOK
WMO ID FLUS43 KDMX
AWIPS ID DSMHWODMX

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